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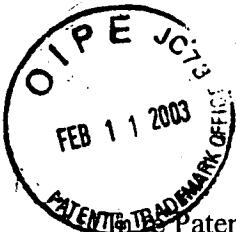


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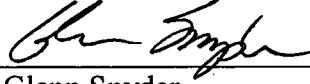
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

<u>A</u>	U.S. Serial No. 10/234,455; filed September 5, 2002; Ben Eater et al.; "Systems and Methods for Identifying Sources of Network Attacks;" pp. 1-28 (specification); Figs. 1-6 (6 pages).
<u>B</u>	U.S. Serial No. 10/281,446; filed October 25, 2002; Scott Mackie; "Dynamically Inserting Filters Into Forwarding Paths of a Network Device;" pp. 1-17 (specification); Figs. 1-4 (4 pages).
<u>C</u>	Steve Gibson; DRDoS; Distributed Reflection Denial of Service; Gibson Research Corporation; http://grc.com/dos/drdos.htm ; February 22, 2002; pages 1-23.

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